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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114.

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PART II: Remarks

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08A. The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references. Documents cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08A are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

- 1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
- 2. The enclosed form PTO/SB/08A be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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Notwithstanding any statement by the Applicant, the Applicant urges the Examiner to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information. An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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